J.(ames) C. Hardin

In the abstracts there are withholdings pertaining to Hardin, again consistent with those in the underlying records, where the withholdings were improper and include names disclosed by the FBI itself, like David A. Fitzwater, aka Fitz, Dave, and the Hardin name also. These also make for unnecessary confusion. My prior Hardin appeals have been ignored. The first of which I have a record in my Hardin file was to the FBI three years ago.

This is not an inconsequential matter. The HSCA noted Hardin as a possible co-conspirator.

One using the name of Hardin phoned Ray shortly before the King assassination, when Ray was on the lam, under his Galt alias that supposedly was known to nobody, asked Ray to phone him at Atlanta or New Orleans in messages left for Ray and finally appeared at Ray's hotel in Los Angeles a month or less before the assassination.

James C. Hardin is an FBI informant in Atlanta.

I believe that all records pertaining to Hardin should be reviewed and all possible withholdings restored. This is quite an exceptional matter, one that from the records provided the FBI did not follow up on after its initial flurry of activity. Its interest appears to have died with the reporting of its association with Informer Hardin, who had a criminal record.